

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 6-9, and 16-37 are pending in the current application. Of those, claims 1, 16, and 18-21 are independent claims. Claims 1, 6-7, 16-22, 24, and 26 are amended by this Response. New claims 27-37 are added by this Response. Claims 3-5 and 10-15 are canceled.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Kato et al. (US 2002/0145702, hereinafter “Kato”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Kato at paragraph [0182] discloses “FIG. 7 shows the audio dubbing (post recording) to the Virtual PlayList. This is an operation of registering the audio post recording to the Virtual PlayList as a sub path. This audio post recording is supported by the application software. An additional audio stream is added as a sub path to the AV stream of the main path of the Virtual PlayList.” Therefore, Kato teaches a main path and a sub-path, and the main path and the sub-path of Kato are different than the multiple paths of Applicant’s claim 1. In particular, the main path and the sub-path of Kato are played back at a same time, i.e., the main path is associated with the AV stream and the sub-path is associated with the audio stream, and the AV stream and the audio stream are played together. Accordingly, Kato fails to disclose “wherein while a playback path of a multiple playback path is being reproduced, another playback path of the multiple playback path is not reproduced” as required by claim 1.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Kato at least additionally fails to disclose “the playlist file for storing navigation information at least providing information on one playback path” as required by claim 1. To the contrary, Kato does not teach reproduction path information includes any number of reproduction paths at all.

As such, claim 1 is patentable for at least the above reasons. Claims 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 contain features somewhat similar to those discussed above in regard to claim 1, and therefore, claims 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 are patentable for at least somewhat similar reasons as claim 1. Claims 2, 6-9, 17, and 22-26, which depend from one of claims 1, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21, are patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above in regard to claims 1, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 as well as on their own merits.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 27-37, which depend from one of claims 1, 16, and 18-21, are patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above in regard to claims 1, 16, and 18-21, as well as on their own merits.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

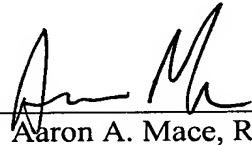
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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